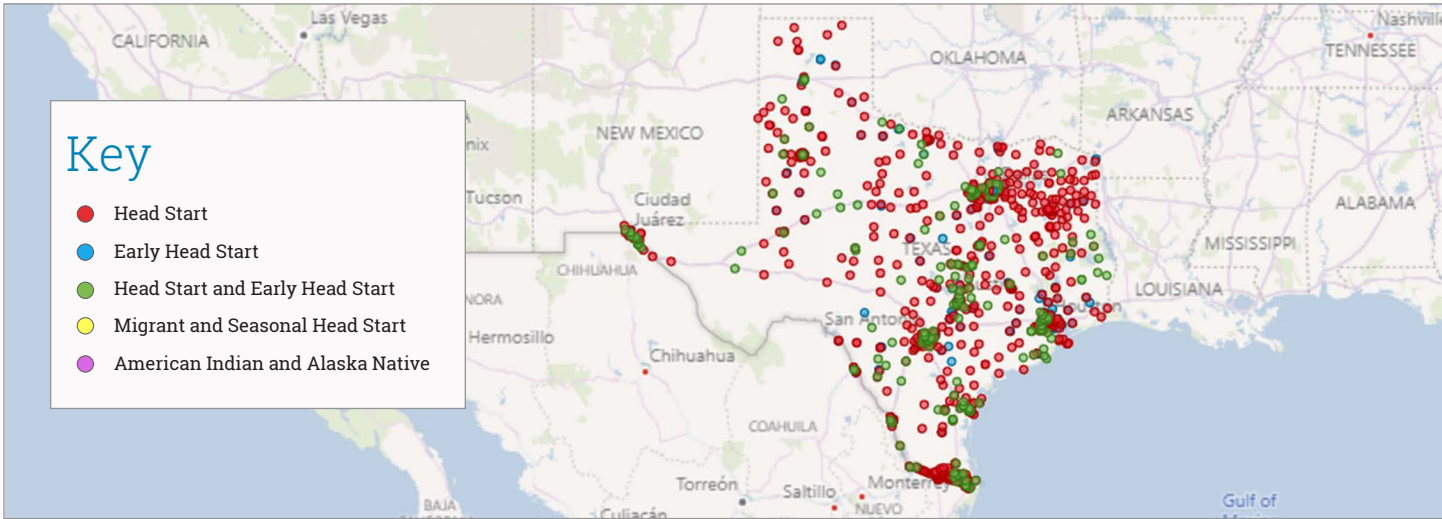


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2021 Texas Head Start Profile



Head Start's Reach in Texas

In their own words...

"I was a working mom who was laid off and decided to go to school. I enrolled my son in Head Start and from the moment I was greeted by a staff member, I knew my child would be safe. The teachers were excited to share every new discovery or achievement my son made. I was able to finish school and get employed in the career of my choice. If not for Head Start, I wouldn't be the person I am today."

Graciela Martinez
Dallas, Texas

Funding

\$731,381,274

FY21 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs

20,776

Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in Texas

62,670

Funded **Head Start** Slots

31% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to Head Start

11,374

Funded **Early Head Start** Slots

6% of eligible children under 3 had access to Early Head Start

5,100 Funded **Migrant/Seasonal** Slots

34 Funded **American Indian/Alaska Native** Slots

Head Start's Model: Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

In the six decades since our founding, we have reached a new milestone: **37 million children have been served by Head Start**. That is 1 out of every 11 Americans. Innovators and communicators, advocates and thinkers, health care heroes and teachers themselves—our alumni represent the vast and diverse fabric of our country.

When we speak with our alumni, they recall the warmth they felt from their Head Start teachers. Kind words that gave them comfort and nutritious meals that felt like home. For many, this start to their educational journey imprinted a love of learning and a sense of possibility.

From early math and reading skills, to confidence and resilience, Head Start helps children build the skills they need to be successful in school and life. Our comprehensive approach meets the needs of the whole child, addressing health and wellbeing as well as ABCs and 123s. Our success is in the stories, testimony, and experiences of our 37 million living proof points of Head Start's impact and decades of rigorous research on how equitable access to preschool and wraparound services break the cycle of poverty in communities across the country.

Comprehensive Services in Texas



1,893

fathers participated in program governance



4,116

parents received job training



238,464

home visits were conducted



8,253

children received a behavioral health treatment plan

Long-Term Impact

Head Start participants are **12% less likely to live in poverty as adults** and **29% less likely to receive public assistance**.

“Evidence suggests Head Start not only helps kids develop and allows parents to go to work, but **it may also help at-risk kids from ending up in the foster care system.**”

Head Start parents have **steeper increases in their educational attainment** by the time their children are six years old.

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